

## Senate Resolution 463

By: Senators Thompson of the 5th and Henson of the 41st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Solomon Lodge No.1 of Free and Accepted Masons of  
2 Georgia on the occasion of its 275th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Solomon Lodge No.1 of Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia is the oldest  
4 continuously operated English constituted lodge of freemasons in the Western Hemisphere  
5 and will be celebrating its 275th anniversary this year in Savannah, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the brothers of the Solomon Lodge in Savannah are a Masonic fraternity  
7 dedicated to the spirit of love of liberty, free thought, free speech, and free conscience; and

8 WHEREAS, precision and punctuality mark the history and tradition of the Solomon Lodge;  
9 the Savannah chapter's history dates back to the 1730's and the earliest beginnings of the  
10 Premier Grand Lodge of England; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lodge members have practiced the tenets of Free Masonry for many years  
12 and have made outstanding community contributions to the Savannah area and the State of  
13 Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, in the spirit of helpfulness and brotherly love and guided by strict moral  
15 principles, the Solomon Lodge seeks to encourage good will toward all mankind, and its  
16 rituals are designed to dramatize a philosophy of life based on morality; and

17 WHEREAS, its members are dedicated to practicing in their daily lives the principles of  
18 brotherly love, charity, and truth, and the benefits of their dedication inure to the benefit of  
19 the entire state; and

20 WHEREAS, the lodge has kindled within its ranks that very precious spirit of giving that is  
21 vital to maintaining a strong volunteer culture in local neighborhoods and communities, and  
22 its magnanimous efforts inspire us all to engage ourselves in this proud American tradition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 honor and commend the Solomon Lodge No.1 of Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia for  
25 their magnificent contributions to the State of Georgia and congratulate its members on the  
26 lodge's 275th anniversary.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Solomon Lodge No.1.